

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the importance of preventing spills as mandated by Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act enacted by the Congress and joins the Governor of Florida, the State Emergency Response Commission, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publically promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments and the Local Emergency Planning Committee to help prevent the accidental releases of hazardous materials, to prepare plans for responding to accidental releases, and to implement programs to protect the well being of all citizens and visitors to this area; and

WHEREAS, first responders, such as firefighters, law enforcement, and emergency medical services personnel, must be informed of reportable types and amounts of hazardous materials and chemicals that are present within our community and must be properly trained to safely respond in the event of an accident or emergency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have a right-to-know of the types, locations, hazards, and quantities of reportable hazardous materials and chemicals within our community and to know proper procedures to take in case of an accident or emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2000 as

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing this important event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this eighteenth day of February, A.D., 2000.



Paula M. DeLaney
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Mayor